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(*b*) 1. Medical Superintendent, Heath Field Hospital, Ayrshire.

2. Resident Medical Superintendent, Consumption Sanatoria of Scotland, Colony of Epileptics, Bridge of Weir, Scotland.

3. Medical Officer, Quarriers' Orphan Homes, Scotland.

General Medical Stores.

133. *MR. K. T. THOMAS: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Darbar Physician is the Superintendent of the General Medical Stores;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether the powers and duties pertaining to that office have been delegated by him to his Personal Assistant; and

(*c*) the number of times, during the past eleven months the Darbar Physician has inspected the General Medical Stores?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) he has no Personal Assistant and his powers have not been delegated to any one.

(*c*) It is not possible to give the actual number of inspections. The Darbar Physician inspected the institution as often as was found necessary.

Posting of Caste-Hindu Medical Officers.

134. *MR. K. T. THOMAS: Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any rule to the effect that only caste Hindu officers will be put in charge of the District Hospitals at Mavelikara, Vaikam and Trivandrum Fort?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON: No.

MR. K. T. THOMAS: May I know from Government whether the Medical Officers in charge of the three hospitals are caste-Hindus?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON: At present they are all caste-Hindus?

Tincture Factory attached to the General Medical Stores.

135. *MR. M. NARAYANA KURUP (*Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertala*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the weight of tinctures manufactured in the Tincture Factory attached to the General Medical Stores in 1111 and 1112;

(*b*) the cost of making the same including the outlay on the factory;

(*c*) the amount saved by the Department by the production in 1111 and 1112, respectively; and

(*d*) whether they still continue manufacturing?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON: (*a*) 54,751 fluid pounds in 1111 and 39,892 fluid pounds in 1112;

(*b*) Outlay on factory is Rs. 10,500. The net cost of making the tinctures in 1111 was Rs. 29,088 excluding buildin and machinery.

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(*c*) Rs. 7,574 for 1111.

Figures for 1112 have not been worked out.

(*d*) The tinctures are now manufactured by a Company, *viz.*, "The Travancore Sugars and Chemicals, Ltd."

MR. M. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know from Government under what arrangement the Travancore Sugars Ltd., manufacture tinctures now?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON: The arrangement is that the tincture manufacture has been taken over by the Travancore Sugars Ltd. and they will be manufacturing in future.

MR. M. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know from Government whether they were running the business at a loss?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON: No. They actually saved Rs. 7,574 in 1111 which figure was arrived at by comparing figures with the Madras Medical stores?

MR. M. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know from the member why the right was sold?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON: I dint't hear the question.

MR. M. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know from the member why that right of manufacturing tinctures was sold to the Travancore Sugars Ltd.?

PRESIDENT: Because it was found that over 60 per cent. profit was made by Companies who are now supplying tinctures and the new Company has agreed not to charge more than 15 per cent. So that the clear saving to the Government will be about 45 per cent. in every tincture that we require.

Pallivasal Hydro-Electric Scheme.

136. ***MR. JOSEPH VITHAYATHIL**: (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what amount they have spent till now on account of the Pallivasal Hydro-Electric Scheme; and

(*b*) what further sum will be required for completing the work?

MR. K. P. P. MENON:

(*a*) Rs 70,15,536-20-0 to the end of Edavom 1112.

(*b*) The member is referred to the Financial Secretary's speech introducing the Budget for 1113—page 25 paragraph 2.

Trivandrum Town Planning Scheme.

137. ***MR. JOSEPH VITHAYATHIL**: Will the Government be pleased to state what is the estimated cost of working out the Trivandrum Town Planning Scheme?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): No scheme has been finally decided upon and it is therefore impossible to furnish an estimate of the cost.

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